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TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF ABBOTT LABORATORIES EMPLOYEE

(ISPENTCHIAN)

REF:SOFA 1046 (NOTAL)

1. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED TO ABBOTT THAT A SENIOR EXECUTIVE BE SENT TO SOFIA. AT FIRST FEARFUL OF AN ADDITIONAL DETENTION, ABBOTT IS NOW SENDING EXECUTIVE V.P. ROVER SCHOELLHORN AND ASST GENERAL COUNSEL J.M. BERNIK.

2. THE TWO HAVE UNCONFIRMED RESERVATIONS ON AUSTRIAN AIRLINES 811 RPT 811 TO ARRIVE THURSDAY AT 1430. BOTH ARE EXPECTED TO DEPART SUNDAY. HOTEL RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH PHARMACHIM. ABBOTT HAS INFORMED LEBANESE GOVERNMENT OF TRIP, AND BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE FROM LEBANESE EMBASSY IN BELGRADE WOULD TRAVEL TO SOFIA. U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BULGARIAN EMBASSY WERE ALSO CONTACTED FOR ASSISTANCE. VISAS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

3. ABBOTT IS SENDING A TELEX TO REQUEST AN EARLY EMBASSY

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APPOINTMENT. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU ANSWER TELEX DIRECTLY
AND THEN CABLE TELEXED REPLY TO DEPARTMENT, INGERSOLL

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